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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: APRIL MARANO-FORD  
Serial No. 9/932,830  
Filed: August 17, 2001  
For: SAFETY SHIELD FOR A NEEDLE ASSEMBLY

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application, including:

\_\_\_ Applicants request an extension of time of \_\_\_ month to respond to the Office Action of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Please charge the requisite fee of \$195.00 at the Small Entity rate to Deposit Account 50-0337.

X Applicant asserts small entity status regarding this application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.27

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-Total Claims 43 (-40 3 x \$18) \$ 54.00  
-Independent Claims 10 (-9 1 x \$86) \$ 86.00  
-Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (\$270) \$  
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS ..... \$ 149.00  
  
-Reduction for Small Entity (1/2) \$ 74.50  
TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED HEREWITH ..... \$ 74.50  
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\_\_\_ A check in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

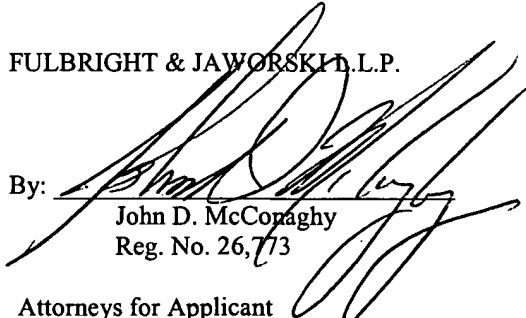
X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with or any additional fees required by this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0337 at the small entity rate.

X I hereby certify that this paper and an Amendment (along with anything else referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date of signature hereof with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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Date of Signature: May 17, 2004

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